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Dear Incoming Eighth Grader and Family,

Summer is upon us and we hope you are looking forward to the vacation. In order to keep certain academic skills fresh, we have prepared assignments for you to work on over the coming weeks. Attached to this letter, please find:

1. **Summer Reading Form – One reading book on your child's reading level is required for summer reading.**
2. **Eighth Grade Suggested Reading List**
3. **Study Island Instructions – suggested for skill review and for extra credit**

Please have your child bring the reading form in on the first day. Your child's English teacher will collect this. If you need a new copy of any of these handouts, they are available on our district's website under William J. Johnston Middle School. They are also available in our office.

Summer Reading Webpage - We have included our suggested reading list for eighth graders. You can also visit our summer reading wiki at www.wjjmsummerreading.wikispaces.com. This site contains lists of suggested books and book trailers to tell you a bit about the book. Some trailers were even created by some WJJMS students! While only one book is required this summer, we hope you find many fantastic books to read!

E-books - Check out WJJMS's collection of e-books. Access WJJMS's e-books by going to <https://wbb02966.follettshelf.com>. Log in using your school username and password (what you use to log in to school computers). Select the book you want to read and check it out. You have the option to read online, or if you have an ipad or an android tablet, you can download the book to your device (meaning you do not need an internet connection to access). Simply download Follett Enlight (free), open the app and enter the following: wbb2966 your school username and your school password. Please email Michele Lane, the library media specialist with any questions regarding the use of e-books at mlane@colchesterct.org.

Cragin Memorial Library is offering a fun summer reading program. Please visit the library, or go to their website for the details. www.colchesterct.gov.

Study Island Instructions for students entering Eighth Grade:

1. Go to www.studyisland.com
2. Log in –Username is the first letter of your first name and your complete last name. Password is school
3. On left side under CT programs, click on the grade you just passed
4. Click on ELA (Common Core) in the center of the screen
5. Under Language Standards, click on a subtopic or skill
6. Make sure you are in practice mode and click on next. If you would like to play a game, click on game mode. Then click next.
7. Start the lesson or skill
8. To obtain extra credit, print out a copy of the practice page with the list of topics you worked on over the summer and hand this in to your English teacher the first day of school.

Sincerely,

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